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**Worker's Compensation
Insurance Letter**

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To: Claims Handling Offices for Insurance Carriers and Self Insured Employers
From: BJ Dernbach, Division Administrator
Subject: Worker's Compensation 2018 Rate Changes

Purpose: Announce 2018 maximum rates effective January 1, 2018.

Background: Wisconsin's maximum Worker's Compensation rate will increase to \$994.00 per week for temporary total disability, permanent total disability and death benefits for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2018. The new average weekly wage used to compute the maximum rate is \$1491.

Using this new wage raises the maximum death benefit for fatal injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2018 to \$298,200.

The maximum weekly indemnity rate for permanent partial disability will remain \$362 for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2018.

In accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code, DWD 80.49(7)(e), the 2018 limit for private vocational rehabilitation services increased by 2.05 % to \$1664. This change is based on the average annual percentage change in the U.S. Consumer price index for all urban consumers. The new limit applies regardless of the date of injury.

Action Requested: Please inform all claim handlers of these changes.

Inquiries: A chart with detailed benefit payment information for 2018 is available on our web site at:
https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/publications/wc/wkc_9572_p.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact us at (608) 266-1340.

Reference: Insurance Letter 514